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SUBJECT: GENSCHER ON DETENTE AND FOREIGN POLICY ISSUES

1. IN AN INTERVIEW APPEARING APRIL 6 IN BONN'S "GENERAL ANZEIGER," FOREIGN MINISTER GENSCHER OFFERED THE FOLLOWING COMMENTS ON DETENTE AND VARIOUS SECURITY/FOREIGN POLICY ISSUES (REMARKS ON MBFR AND CSCE REPORTED SEPTELS - NOTAL):

-- GERMAN-AMERICAN RELATIONS: THE FOREIGN MINISTER SAID THE GERMAN-AMERICAN RELATIONSHIP WAS AN IRREPLACEABLE ELEMENT OF FRG FREEDOM AND SECURITY. HE SAID CLOSE COOPERATION WOULD EXIST IN THE FUTURE AND REFERRED TO THE THREE VISITS (MONDALE AND VANCE TO THE FRG, GENSCHER TO WASHINGTON) WHICH SIGNIFY THIS COOPERATION.

-- DETENTE: THE U.S. AND THE FRG ARE INTERESTED IN A CONTINUATION OF THE DETENTE PROCESS. BOTH COUNTRIES AGREE THAT ONLY A REALISTIC DETENTE POLICY CAN BRING MORE SECURITY AND FURTHER IMPROVEMENTS FOR MANKIND.

-- NON-FIRST-USE: GENSCHER SAID NATO HAD ALREADY GIVEN A CLEAR ANSWER LAST DECEMBER TO THE PACT'S SUGGESTION. IF MEMBER STATES WERE ATTACKED, GENSCHER SAID THEY COULD NOT GIVE UP ANY OF THEIR MEANS OF DEFENSE.

-- NORTH-SOUTH DIALOGUE: GENSCHER SAID THE U.S. LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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AND FRG AGREED ON THIS QUESTION AND THAT THERE MUST BE A FURTHER OPENING OF WESTERN MARKETS FOR FINISHED AND UNFINISHED GOODS FROM THE LDC'S. GENSCHER FORESAW THE NEED TO DEVELOP NEW FORMS OF COOPERATION TO HASTEN THE PROCESS OF BRIDGING THE GAP BETWEEN RICH AND POOR.

-- NON-PROLIFERATION: GENSCHER POINTED OUT THE IMPERATIVE NEED TO INCLUDE THIRD WORLD THRESHHOLD POWERS IN THE FURTHER DEVELOPMENT OF NON-PROLIFERATION POLICY. HE SAW GENERAL AGREEMENT ON THE OVERALL NON-PROLIFERATION QUESTION AS HAVING A POSITIVE EFFECT ON U.S. JUDGMENT OF THE FRG-BRAZIL NUCLEAR DEAL.

-- SOVIET-GERMAN DIALOGUE: WHILE GENSCHER ADMITTED THE MOSCOW SALT TALKS WERE DISAPPOINTING, HE SAW THE DETENTE PROCESS CONTINUING. HE NOTED THE FRG WANTED TO CONTINUE AND TO INTENSIFY THE DIALOGUE WITH THE SOVIETS IN A CONSTRUCTIVE SPIRIT.
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